

## HARD AT WORK FOR HAMMOND.

Friends of the Imprisoned Mining Engineer Stirring in His Behalf.

Senator White Calls on Mr. Olney and Again Urges Prompt Action on the Part of the Government.

### AN APPEAL FROM THE FREEMASONS.

They Ask the Secretary of State to Secure Assurance That a Cable Message Will Be Delivered to Americans of Their Order in Boer Jails.

By Julius Chambers.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—Senator White, of California, who has taken a very active part in behalf of the release of John Hays Hammond, the American engineer under arrest in the Transvaal, called upon Secretary Olney yesterday, and again urged prompt action by his Government.

After the departure of Senator White from the department, the cable message from Consular Agent Manion, at Johannesburg, which was published in to-day's Journal, was received.

Secretary Olney then dictated a letter to the Senator, acknowledging the receipt of a communication from the California delegation, and also calling attention to the Manion dispatch. As will be observed, the State Department recognizes and appreciates the enterprise of the Journal.

The letter was as follows:

Stephen M. White, United States Senator:

My Dear Sir—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter of the 24th inst., signed by yourself and the rest of the California delegation in Congress. You will obtain through the papers by the time this letter reaches you the latest information I have from the Transvaal relating to Americans recently arrested there.

I understand the Americans are all amply represented by counsel of their own selection. It appears by to-day's New York Journal that the preliminary examination of the Americans is to take place toward the end of this month. The question of additional counsel may, I think, therefore, be left until the results of the preliminary hearings are known and the Americans themselves express some opinion upon the subject. You will observe by the telegrams received in the same paper that the American prisoners, so far as the exception of Hammond, are allowed to use the telegraph. Respectfully yours,

RICHARD OLNEY.

The Masons of California have taken hand in a general effort to establish communication between John Hays Hammond and his brother in San Francisco. The action taken was in response to a suggestion from members of the Masonic order all over the country, of which order the imprisoned mining engineer is a member.

The steps taken are shown in the following telegram, referred to in this morning's Journal, which was received in this city yesterday:

Nevada City, Jan. 25, 1896.

Hon. Richard Olney,

Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.

John Hays Hammond and other Masons are imprisoned in South Africa. Believe all men go to and from them are intercepted by the Boer Government. Will you secure assurance that my cable to them will be delivered to them? We desire to communicate with them as American citizens and Masons. Your answer by wire prepaid.

E. M. PRESTON,

Grand Master of Masons of California.

A copy of this message was also sent to Senator Perkins.

### MORE GLORY FOR "WHISKERS."

He Buys a Drink from Watchman Ackerman and Arrests Him.

"Whiskers" Smith has made another arrest. Smith is a patrolman on duty at the Charles Street Station, who devotes most of his time to hunting for violators of the Excise law. He is also distinguished for the originality of the pleas by which he secures liquor during the hours it is unlawful to sell it. Yesterday he appeared in the Jefferson Market Police Court to prosecute Samuel J. Ackerman.

Ackerman, who lives at No. 8 Lexington avenue, is employed as a night watchman in front of Silab's restaurant, which is at present undergoing repairs. As there is no front in the place Ackerman is employed to stand guard and see that no one robs the place. It is a pretty cold job, standing in the street all night and the proprietor of the restaurant recognized the fact, so each night when he went on duty they gave Ackerman a small flask of whiskey with which to keep himself warm.

At 4 o'clock yesterday morning Ackerman was standing in front of the restaurant taking a nip at his pocket flask, when Policeman Smith came along. Smith is noted for his disguises, but this time he had beaten the record. He had on a long rubber overcoat, a rubber hat and rubber boots that came up to his hips.

Walking up to Ackerman, Smith shivered and asked where he could get a drink. Ackerman said there was no place open. Then Smith explained that he had been working in water all night and was chilled through and needed a drink. The watchman then said the restaurant was closed, but that Smith could have a drink from his private flask. Smith accepted and took a big drink. Then he offered Ackerman fifteen cents for what was left in the bottle. Ackerman had all he wanted and agreed to the sale. No sooner had he pocketed the money than Smith showed his badge and arrested him.

In court yesterday Ackerman told Magistrate Denel that he had not known he was breaking any law and that he had sold Smith the liquor because the latter had said he needed it.

Magistrate Denel said he regretted the necessity, but that the law forced him to hold him for trial. He fixed the bail at \$100, but as the prisoner could not make it he was locked up.

### DID THE MAFIA GET HIM?

Ex-Mayor N. Leroy Gavitt Mysteriously Missing from Hazleton, Pa.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Jan. 26.—N. Leroy Gavitt, ex-mayor of Hazleton, near here, and one of the most prominent men in the city, has mysteriously disappeared, and intense excitement has followed. He has been missing a week, but the fact did not become known until to-day, the family having made every effort to keep the matter quiet.

Added to this, his wife, who was prostrated by his disappearance, has contracted pneumonia, and is lying at death's door.

A member of the family said to-day that they have two theories—one is that the Mafia is accountable for his disappearance. This theory is held, however, by but few of the majority believing that financial troubles are the cause. It is said that Gavitt is deeply in debt and unable to make a number of notes which will soon fall due.

On Friday, January 15, he gave his wife \$500 and said she would have to make that last as long as possible, as he was hard pressed and needed all the money he could get. He was a contractor and had lost of work.

His friends say that he was so eager to get several large jobs lately that he made very low bids and that he left home as usual for his office that day, but never reached there.

### MOODY'S AGED MOTHER DEAD.

Had Reached Her Ninety-first Year and Succumbed to the Grip.

Northfield, Mass., Jan. 26.—Mrs. Betsey Holton Moody, wife of Edwin Moody, of Northfield, Mass., and mother of Edwidge, died at 11:30 a. m. She had suffered from a cold for a week, and on Saturday morning took to her bed. The doctor who was called said she had an attack of the grip.

She was with her, except one daughter, who resides in Wisconsin. The funeral services will be held in the Congregational Church on Wednesday. Mrs. Moody was in her ninety-first year, and is survived by four sons—Isaiah, George, Dwight and Edwin—all residing in Northfield, and two daughters—Cornelia Walker, of Northfield, and Mrs. Lizzie Washburn, of Racine, Wis.

### SUDDEN DEATH OF FRIENDS.

Traumbman, Who Found Fagan Dead, Dies on a Pavement.

Pelix Traumbman and Patrick Fagan were friends. They had been bartenders and were in poor health. Traumbman had consumption and Fagan an affection of the heart. They roomed together and shared the few favors fortune allowed them equally. A week ago Traumbman and Fagan tried to evade his friend, but found that Fagan had passed away in the night.

Yesterday midnight the body of a dead man was found on the sidewalk in front of No. 1 Battery place. Yesterday it was identified as Traumbman. He had been found by a ghostly burglar had said to him when they talked of Fagan's death. "Like a dog," Traumbman said, "but what's the odds. I've got enough money saved to bury me."

### BOUNDARY EVIDENCE FOUND.

Venezuela Commission Has Men at Work on the Tank Collection.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 26.—The Tank collection of books in the Dutch language, one of the rich possessions of the State Historical Society Library, appears destined to play a considerable part in the deliberations of the Venezuela Commission.

"Andrew D. White, one of the Commission's members, a week ago wrote to his friend, President Adams, of the State University, asking him to search the Tank Collection for any historical records or outlines bearing upon the boundaries of Old Dutch Guiana. An examination of the books in this department revealed the original and very best authoritative contemporary testimony as to the extent of the Dutch claims in Guiana, to which England succeeded in 1824.

A translator and draughtsman are now busy in extracting this information for the service of the Commission, and it is expected that one or more members of the body may visit Madison to examine the evidence on the spot.

### ROCHESTER MUST HAVE BEER.

A Monster Petition Being Prepared For Open Saloons on Sunday.

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 26.—The saloon and liquor men of this city are circulating a petition trying to get 10,000 signatures praying Mayor George D. Warner to allow saloons to be open Sundays after 1 p. m., providing they are closed on Sunday mornings.

It is said the petition has already over 5,000 names, and they expect to get the rest in a short time. The work is said to be being done very quietly but effectively. This action is taken to offset a demand made by a number of ministers last week, who called on the Mayor on behalf of the Protestant churches of the city, demanding that the Sunday Excise law be enforced.

The Excise law has not been enforced for years. The church people hoped to have it, so many of them joined the German Government movement for reform and nominated George D. Warner, a Democrat, whom the Democrats nominated as well. Traumbman shocked the ministers by informing them that he believed in a liberal Sunday, and gave them no promises that he could carry out the law.

There will be interesting developments soon.

### "CO-EDS" WILL HAVE A CREW.

Cornell Girls Indignant Because They Can't Get Courtney to Coach.

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 26.—There is a movement among the women students of Cornell University to establish a woman's crew. The promoters are enthusiastic over the subject, but have met with opposition.

The subject was brought up before the students' council last week, but it was vetoed. The girls not only wanted the outfit to come from the students' fund, but they also wanted to have the services of Courtney, the coach of the regular Varsity and class crews. Courtney is paid by students' subscriptions, and, as the girls contribute about \$500 to the fund, they argued that they might enjoy the privileges for their own benefit if they so desired.

The advocates are quite determined and have appealed to Wellestree College for assistance. They have written Lucile Eaton Hill, physical director of that institution, where they have a woman's crew, the only one in the country. She has just written a most encouraging and enthusiastic letter concerning the work of the crew. The letter was received by Miss F. A. Koller, one of the chief promoters. It is proposed that Miss Hill visit Cornell and direct the purchase of a shell and outfit and also give them some rudimentary assistance as coach.

### MILLER SAYS IT IS MORTON.

Sure of It After an Extended Trip in the West.

Ex-Senator Warner Miller arrived at Fifth Avenue Hotel last night after a prolonged trip through the West.

"All the financial interests out there," he said, "are strongly in favor of Governor Morton as the Republican candidate for President. At Chicago ex-Senator Charles Fairwell is outspoken in favor of Morton and it is almost to be a foregone conclusion that he will be the choice of the convention. I believe the vote of the Michigan delegation will be scattered among the different candidates. Detroit will cast all its votes for Alger, but that is freely nearly all he can hope for from the State. It is a sorry state."

### SENOR PALMA IS HOPEFUL.

More Confident Than Ever That Congress Will Recognize the Insurgents.

The Cuban Junta yesterday laughed at the report that Maximo Gomez had been wounded. They said that Gomez had been reported, through Spanish sources, as having been twice defeated since he had first reported wounded.

What may have given rise to such a report, if it is not a deliberate falsehood, they said, may be that Gomez has had a sore leg for many months; but he is still in the field and is making good progress.

Horatio S. Reubens, the counsel for the Junta, returned Saturday with Minister Palma, from Washington, where, with the Minister, he has been endeavoring to establish the insurgents' claims to recognition as belligerents. He said yesterday:

"As we are nearing success in Washington, the Spaniards are sending to this country all sorts of falsehoods in a vain effort to influence American public opinion. It is simply Spanish history repeating itself."

"I am more confident than ever that we shall be successful in Washington. From conversations I had with the members of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and I know that the majority of them favor recognition. But even if they should bring in a minority report, that would make practically no difference, beyond delaying action on the matter, for everybody knows now that a great majority of both houses is in favor of Cuba."

"We have been able to prove to the committee and to all Congressmen who desired to know that the insurgents have fulfilled all the requirements in order to be entitled to recognition as belligerents. The claim that the fact that we have no stationary seat of government, nor any sea port, acts as a bar is fallacious. Under the circumstances the Cuban Government must needs be ambulatory, just as was the American Congress when it was driven by the British from Philadelphia to Lancaster, to Lancaster, then to York, and back again to Philadelphia. As to the sea port question, we have a precedent in Mexico, among others, when the United States recognized the Government of Guarez, although he was fleeing before the columns of Maximilian, and the latter held every sea port."

"Those who interpose these objections confound the requirements and rights of belligerency with those of sovereignty. I have also convinced, with precedents, law and courts' decisions, those who thought otherwise that we have a right to send vessels, arms, ammunition and men to Cuba, provided the men are not organized as a military body."

Senator Palma and Reubens will return to Washington to-morrow. Mr. Reubens says the Committee on Foreign Affairs will have all the data and required information from the Cuban side translated and ready to enable them to begin consideration of the subject by Wednesday.

### WORK OF EXPERT BURGLARS.

New York Crooks Believed to Have Robbed a Philadelphia Safe.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 26.—When John Wheeland, engineer in the building at Tenth and Arch streets, occupied by Borricke & Tafel, homeopathic pharmacists, reached the building this morning he found things in confusion. The office was wrecked. The door of the big safe was wrenched off, and on the floor lay a pile of books and empty cash boxes.

The police and the members of the firm were notified. When the latter arrived they found that bonds valued at \$8,000, cash amounting to \$300 and \$10 in postage stamps had been stolen. Of the bonds \$3,000 were in Reading Railroad first mortgage in the name of Tafel, and \$5,000 People's Traction securities in the name of E. E. Borricke.

The work done by the evidences of having been done by crooks. Failing to manipulate the tumblers of the lock after boring holes near it, the croakers bored three holes in such a way as to be able to insert screws which tore off the steel part of the door. The detectives declare that this is the work of three New York thieves who have been missing from the city for some time, and who they suspected could be here. They had been watching for them, but had seen nothing to lead them to believe the experts were here until now.

### Brooklyn to Have a New Hospital.

A meeting was held at No. 41 Seigel street, Brooklyn, last night, for the purpose of organizing a hospital association.

The association will erect a building in the outskirts of the city, to accommodate twenty-five beds. It will be known as the Israel Hospital. Two hundred and eighty men were enrolled as members, and a committee to select a building was appointed. H. Bomber was elected president. A board of directors, composed of thirty-six members, was appointed.

### THE TARIFF MEASURE.

Immediately after the silver bill is out of the way the tariff measure passed by the House will be reported to the Senate, and that will take precedence as the unfinished business.

It is not known whether the tariff will be favorably or adversely reported. All depends upon the vote of Mr. Jones, of Nevada. He has not yet given his final answer on the subject. It should be unfavorably reported. The Republicans will have it placed on the calendar, and they claim to have enough votes to call it up and give it the right of way. They also claim to have a sufficient number of votes to pass the tariff measure. Both the Utah Senators, although acknowledged as silver men, are said to be favorable to the Republican policy of protection and will vote for the measure agreed upon by that party in the recent caucus.

The financial question is not expected to be effectually disposed of by the vote on the tariff measure. It can be as easily discussed on a tariff bill, and while this bill substitutes may be the last effort to pass a free silver bill through Congress, it will hardly be the end of the discussion of the subject. There is a disposition to take hold of the appropriation bills as soon as possible, and for that reason the tariff measure will be debated by those in its favor as little as possible. Already leaders are beginning to figure on an early adjournment, in the hope that the Congress can get away before the Presidential campaign is fairly on.

## CONGRESS MOVES SLOWLY.

To-day Ends the Second Month of the Session, Yet Little Has Been Done.

Senate Substitute for the House Bond Bill Expected to Be Disposed of This Week.

### TILLMAN'S MAIDEN SPEECH AWAITED.

More or Less Discussion on the Monroe Doctrine Resolution Looked for.

House to Consider Appropriation Bills Privately.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The week beginning to-morrow ends the second month of this Congress has been in session. Despite the fact that there has been no holiday recess, but little has been accomplished, owing largely to the consideration in the Senate of the substitute to the House Bond bill. Although this measure was speedily disposed of in the House, it has been the unfinished business in the Senate for several weeks.

The end, however, is in sight, for on Friday last Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, in charge of the bill, gave notice that he would ask the Senate to remain in session on Thursday next until the bill was disposed of. It is hardly likely that a vote will be reached on that day, as a number of Senators have expressed their intentions of speaking to the pending substitutes. It is probable, however, that before the week is out the vote will have been taken and the free coinage substitute adopted by the Senate.

Incidentally, during the week there will be more or less discussion on the Monroe resolution reported by the Committee on Foreign Relations. Mr. Thurston, of Nebraska, one of the new Senators, but a man well-known in national politics, has given notice that he will address the Senate on these resolutions Tuesday, and a speech of some force is expected from the Nebraska Senator.

Quite an array of talent has been secured for the discussion of the Silver bill this week. Senator Knute Nelson, of Minnesota, will address the Senate to-morrow. Mr. Tillman, of South Carolina, will take the floor, according to his present expectations, Tuesday. It will be his maiden speech in the Senate, and the reputation of the man at home is such as to lead to great expectations from him in the Senate.

Other speakers of the week will be Senator Voorhees, ex-chairman of the Finance Committee, who, it is said, will address the Senate to-morrow, and Mr. Mitchell, of Oregon. There are probably others who have not yet formally given notice of their intention.

### RUSSIA TO BUILD MORE SHIPS.

Naval Estimates for Seven Years Approved By the Czar.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 26.—The Czar has given his sanction to the naval estimates covering a period of seven years, beginning in 1896, when 57,500,000 roubles will be appropriated for naval purposes. This sum will be increased 500,000 roubles yearly. The figures are fixed in proportion to the amounts expended on their naval forces by other powers.

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A case affecting Germany becoming American citizens has just been decided by the Supreme Court of the Empire in Leipzig. Mr. F. W. Boehms, a druggist living in Brooklyn, N. Y., and native-born German, was sentenced by a lower court to pay a fine of 200 marks for emigrating to a

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